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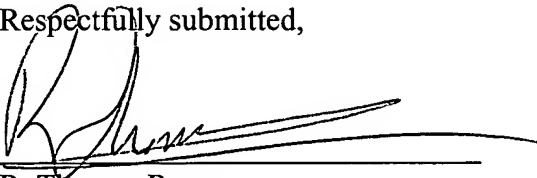
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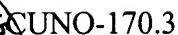
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- ☐ 3. Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)
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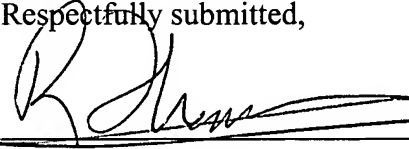
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- ☐ 7. 37 CFR 1.97(c): [before Final Office Action or Allowance, whichever is earlier]; and
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- ☐ 9. The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 14 below.
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